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Junta members Monzon, Castillo Armas and Oliva, accompanied by Papal Nuncio, Salvadoran Ambassador Funes and myself, arrived at 1:30 p.m., July 3, in plane of US Air Attache and were met at airport by remaining Junta members Cruz and DuBois. Large and enthusiastic crowd despite disappointment at failure of party to return yesterday greeted group with Castillo popular hero and Monzon and other Junta members minor objects of public acclaim. Although Castillo brought with him own tough and effective looking bodyguards, greetings between his party and regular army officers at airport were effusive. Cheering crowds lined streets to National Palace where Guatemalan officials met in informal reception.

Take-off of party from San Salvador delayed by insistence of Castillo, who returned to that city from Chiquimula at 11 a.m., on paying farewell call on President Osorio before leaving. Other members of party forced wait at airport while he drove into San Salvador for that purpose.

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